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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicant does not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

A concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents listed may be ascertained from the English-language translation of their Abstract. However, with regard to JP 3-44559, an English-language Abstract is presently unavailable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submit that the relevance of JP 3-4459 may be found in the PCT WO 02/055264 patent document.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute “prior art.” If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute “prior art” under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required,

including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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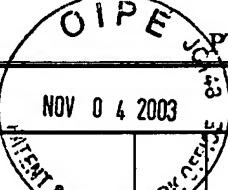
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